

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated March 21, 2007. Claims 1-13 are currently pending.

Claim 1 stands rejected under Section 102(e) as being allegedly anticipated by Saito. This Section 102(e) rejection is respectfully traversed for at least the following reasons.

Claim 1 as amended requires that *“at least one of said other wirings of said second wiring layer that is insulated from said bonding pad is electrically connected to the first wiring layer by way of a via defined in an insulator located between said first and second wirings layers so that the at least one of the other wirings of said second wiring layer is electrically connected to both (a) the first wiring layer, and (b) the operation region by way of the first wiring layer.”*

For example and without limitation, Fig. 6 of the instant application illustrates that the right-most other wiring 12 of the second wiring layer that is insulated from said bonding pad 1 is electrically connected to the first wiring layer 17 by way of a via 21 defined in an insulator 18 located between said first and second wiring layers, so that the right-most wiring 12 of the second wiring layer is electrically connected to both (a) the first wiring layer 17, and (b) the operating region 15 by way of the first wiring layer.

Saito fails to disclose or suggest the above underlined features of claim 1. In contrast with claim 1, Saito teaches away from the invention of claim 1 because in Fig. 60 of Saito the right-most wiring 13L of the second wiring layer which is insulated from the alleged bonding pad 102 via insulator 15 is NOT electrically connected to the alleged operating region 3nd. Thus, Saito teaches the opposite of what claim 1 requires, thereby evidencing the patentable nature of the claim.

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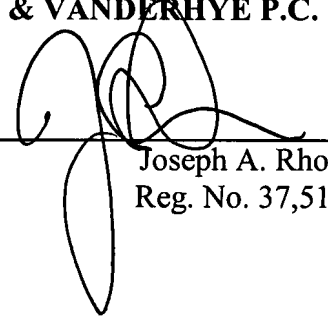
Claims 7 and 11 require that "at least one of the other wirings of said second wiring layer is electrically connected to both (a) the first wiring layer, and (b) the operation region by way of the first wiring layer." Saito fails to disclose or suggest this feature of claims 7 and 11.

In view of the above, all rejections should be withdrawn. All claims are in condition for allowance. If any minor matter remains to be resolved, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned with regard to the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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